



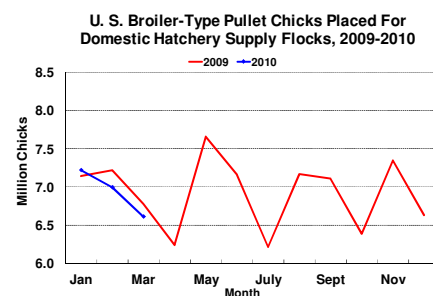
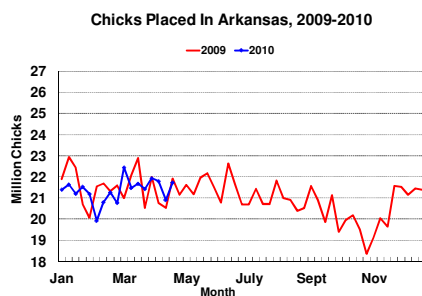
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.7 million during the week ending April 24, 2010. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2009 but up 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 24, 2010, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.61 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2010, down 2 percent from March 2009.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 27, 2010 - April 24, 2010										
State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr
	Thousand					Thousand				
Alabama	30,357	29,344	30,132	30,182	30,292	20,850	20,504	20,790	21,438	20,455
Arkansas	23,828	23,869 *	24,268	23,825	23,301	21,428	21,932	21,793	20,910	21,729
Delaware	3,709	3,771	3,783	3,783 *	3,782	4,391	4,672	4,654	5,404 *	4,866
Florida	1,343	1,350	1,342	1,382	1,389	1,076	972	944	1,102	1,140
Georgia	31,500	31,094	31,925	31,808	31,695	27,287	26,235	26,788	26,360 *	25,735
Kentucky	7,582 *	7,927 *	8,301	7,566	7,747	6,236	6,837	6,792	6,001 *	6,175
Louisiana	3,470	3,379	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,059	3,023	3,112	3,134	3,187
Maryland	9,089	8,965	9,058	8,906	8,184	6,223	6,099	7,133	5,735 *	6,336
Mississippi	19,405	19,204	18,939	19,160	19,023	16,766	16,463	17,012	16,879	16,766
N. Carolina	18,713	18,616 *	18,464	18,748	19,497	15,853	15,705	15,088 *	15,600	15,578
Oklahoma	6,907	6,657 *	7,202	7,133 *	6,915	4,347	3,290	5,179	4,399	3,507
Pennsylvania	3,791	3,691	3,738 *	3,784 *	3,802	2,943	3,036	3,020 *	3,029 *	2,899
S. Carolina	5,990	5,735	5,770	5,507	5,667	4,114	4,775	5,416	5,344	5,781
Texas	14,762	15,568	15,548	15,654	15,816	12,840	12,984	13,021	12,462	12,825
Virginia	6,178	6,466	6,527	6,531	6,792	5,328	5,316	4,840	4,658 *	5,035
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,729	18,925	19,549 *	19,366 *	19,465	16,422	16,683	16,952 *	16,772 *	17,468
19 State Total	205,353 *	204,561 *	208,046 *	206,835 *	206,837	169,163	168,526	172,534 *	169,227 *	169,482
Prev. Year Total	200,465	204,257	203,712	203,819	202,068	167,562	168,792	167,137	166,888	169,887
% of Prev. Year	102	100	102	101	102	101	100	103	101	100
* Revised in current week.										

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 24, 2010. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 24, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 24, 2010 were 2.69 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.